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**NUTRITION BIDDERS Q&A**  
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**Q: Please explain the frozen state meals that need to be provided to the consumers.**

**A:** Original Crispy Pizza is the contractor that handles commodity foods, purchasing program foods and frozen meals for the Elder Nutrition Program. If the standard frozen meals are inappropriate for a population an alternative needs to be provided by the caterer.

**Q: A vendor needs to provide both bulk and door to door meals for this bid?**

**A:** Correct, the vendor will need to be able to provide meals packaged in bulk by route to Ethos and door to door meals. The majority of the meals for a vendor will be door to door.

**Q: Can the generic meal counts be adjusted?**

**A:** The generic meal counts include all of the meals. The numbers have been adjusted to remove the pandemic-specific grants, café meals that became door-to-door meals during the pandemic and meals from multiple caterers. Meal counts are guides, not absolutes.

**Q:** Because we are Kosher here at ROS and traditionally Kosher meals were delivered by another entity (Empath with us) and we do a small drop off of bulk meals to you.

However, if we were to bid for NON-Kosher as well out of Roslindale (example Asian, Italian or Latino...etc.) will Consortium be able to assist us finding delivery partner? (like empath or anyone else) Or perhaps as bulk place for us to drop them off? Because we already doing door to door Kosher As we have never did door to door ourselves and not sure be able to get in to this service.

**A:** Bidders must be able to provide bulk and door-to door delivery; subcontracts are allowed. Ethos reserves the right to review any such agreement to be sure that the Bid specifications are being met.

**Q:** Unless, because our current kosher meals are considered door to door with Empath - can we only bid for the bulk ONLY? (Caribbean, vegetarian, southern, American, generic...etc.)? this we are fall in scope of both door to door and bulk? Please advise



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A: Meal providers need to be able to provide Ethos with bulk meals and complete door-to-door delivery in a manner acceptable to Ethos. We reserve the right to approve delivery subcontracts to be sure that Bid Specifications are being met.